



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

KIT YENG LIM
JEFF W. MOEHLENBRUCK

Serial No.: 10/023,911

Filed: December 18, 2001

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD TO
STABILIZE AND REPAIR AN
INTERVERTEBRAL DISC

Group Art Unit: 3732

Examiner: Anuradha Ramana

Attorney Docket: 2103.014100/RFE
(SBI-100)

CUSTOMER NO. 45488

**REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND TO
OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 18, 2005**

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT
Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 C.F.R. § 1.8)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as First Class Mail in an envelope addressed to: MAIL STOP AMENDMENT, Commissioner for Patents, P. O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on the date below.

July 15, 2005

Cynde Meinhardt
Cynde Meinhardt

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), Applicants petition for an extension of time of one month to and including July 18, 2005, in which to respond to the Office Action dated March 18, 2005.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17, a check in the amount of \$120 is enclosed, which is the process fee for a one-month extension of time.

07/18/2005 EAREGAY1 00000041 10023911

01 FC:1251

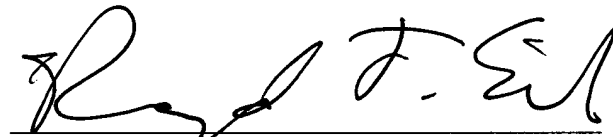
120.00 DP

If the check is inadvertently omitted, or should any additional fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 to 1.21 be required for any reason relating to the enclosed materials, or should an overpayment be included herein, the Assistant Commissioner is authorized to deduct or credit said fees from or to Williams, Morgan & Amerson, P.C. Deposit Account No. 50-0786/2103.014100RE.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAMS, MORGAN & AMERSON, P.C.
CUSTOMER NO. 45488

July 15, 2005

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Raymund F. Eich', is written over a horizontal line.

Raymund F. Eich, Ph.D.

Reg. No. 42,508

10333 Richmond, Suite 1100

Houston, Texas 77042

(713) 934-4065

(713) 934-7011 (fax)

AGENT FOR APPLICANTS